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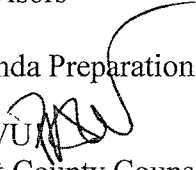
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TO: PATRICK OGAWA
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Attention: Agenda Preparation

FROM: PATRICK A. WU 
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RE: **Item for the Board of Supervisors' Agenda**
County Claims Board Recommendation in
Jane Doe, et al. v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC 518 005

Attached is the Agenda entry for the Los Angeles County Claims Board's recommendation regarding the above-referenced matter. Also attached is the Case Summary to be made available to the public

It is requested that this recommendation and the Case Summary be placed on the Board of Supervisors' agenda.

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Attachment

Board Agenda

MISCELLANEOUS COMMUNICATIONS

Los Angeles County Claims Board's recommendation: Authorize settlement of the matter entitled Jane Doe, et al. v. County of Los Angeles, et al., Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC 518 005 in the amount of \$1,300,000 and instruct the Auditor-Controller to draw a warrant to implement this settlement from the Department of Health Services' budget.

This lawsuit alleges negligence by the Department of Health Services for allegedly hiring and retaining a physician that sexually molested a patient at a Los Angeles County health clinic.

CASE SUMMARY

INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

CASE NAME	Jane Doe, et al. v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
CASE NUMBER	BC 518005
COURT	Los Angeles County Superior Court
DATE FILED	August 9, 2013
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Department of Health Services
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$ 1,300,000
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	Thomas Cifarelli, Esq. The Cifarelli Law Firm
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	Narbeh Bagdasarian, Senior Deputy County Counsel
NATURE OF CASE	<p>Plaintiff, Jane Doe, was a patient at one of the Los Angeles County's health clinics. She alleges that during her visits to the clinic, one of the physicians touched her inappropriately.</p> <p>The plaintiff and her husband brought a lawsuit against the physician and the County of Los Angeles. The plaintiffs contend that the County of Los Angeles was negligent in hiring and retaining that physician.</p>
PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE	\$ 276,844
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$ 27,171